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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0887

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, LT  
SUBJECT: GOL MAKES BID FOR RETURN OF BCP MEMBERS IN EXILE

REF: A. MASERU 0246 (NOTAL), B. MASERU 0142 (NOTAL),

1. SUMMARY. PRESSURE FOR ELECTIONS CONTINUES TO BUILD UP IN  
LESOTHO. FONMIN C.D. MOLAPO WAS RECENTLY IN MAPUTO AT LEAST  
PARTIALLY TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH BASOTHO LAND CONGRESS  
PARTY (BCP) MEMBERS IN EXILE. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE THE RETURN OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, MOOKI  
MOLAPO, HE HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR ELECTIONS IN LESOTHO. HIS  
INFLUENCE HAS BEEN GREAT ENOUGH IN THE FEW WEEKS HE HAS BEEN BACK,  
THAT GOL IS ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT BCP "REFUGEES" TO  
INVITE THEM TO RETURN TO LESOTHO FOR ELECTIONS.

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3. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, FONMIN MOLAPO WAS IN MAPUTO WEEK OF APRIL 10 WITH THE  
ASSIGNMENT OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE EXILED BCP MEMBERS  
THROUGH THE LESOTHO EMBASSY IN MAPUTO, WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN  
THE PAST AS THE COMMUNICATIONS POINT FOR THE "REFUGEES" IN  
BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA.

4. ACCORDING TO ADVOCATE KHALAKI SELLO, ONE OF THE LEADING BCP MEMBERS IN LESOTHO, THE BCP DOES NOT TAKE THESE APPROACHES SERIOUSLY AND DOES NOT EXPECT ELECTIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. HE FOUND THE IDEA OF ELECTIONS DURING 1978 A CRUEL JOKE.

5. COMMENT: AFTER NEARLY TWO MONTHS OF QUIET REGARDING ELECTIONS, THE RUMORS HAVE AGAIN PEAKED. AS MENTIONED IN REFTEL B, MOOKI MOLAPO SEES ELECTIONS AS HIS PERSONAL MISSION OR CALLING. ALTHOUGH HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE INCOMPETENT AND SLIGHTLY CRAZY, HE IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY HIS RELATIVES WHO ARE IN POWER. FONMIN MOLAPO (MOOKI'S UNCLE) IS ANOTHER INCOMPETENT, DISTRACTED PERSON AND HARDLY SEEMS A WISE CHOICE FOR INSTILLING CONFIDENCE IN EXILED BCP MEMBERS, WHO SHARE SELLO'S FEELINGS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ELECTIONS. PUBLIC OPINION SHARES THE VIEW THAT THERE WILL BE NO ELECTIONS IN 1978. END COMMENT.  
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